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SOLONS ARE SCARED.

FEAR THEIR FAULTS MAY BE MENTIONED IN PRAYER.

House Chaplain Requested to Not Be So Specific—Delay in the Senate Dangerous to Business Interests—War Cloud from Florida's Swamps.

To Pray for Nothing Particular.

There was an unusual scene in the House at Washington the other day when Chaplain Condon proceeded to speak some friendly words for Cuba in his morning prayer, and was promptly applauded on both sides of the House. His sentiments found an immediate echo among the members, and few final faults with his opinions on Cuba, but at the same time the unexpected applause startled some of the members to such an extent that a quiet intimation was conveyed to the blind chaplain's friends that hereafter he would do well to leave matters pending in the committees or before the House out of his petitions to the throne of grace. These conservative members are afraid the chaplain may interfere with a prayer on almost any topic, and as no points of order could be raised, they would be helpless. So they declare that although he is all right on Cuba, they will move for his removal unless he confines himself to glittering generalities hereafter.

Troops Are Held Ready.

A special to the St. Louis Republic from Tallahassee, Fla., says: "Sensational stories are afloat here. Gov. Mitchell, at the request of the War Department in Washington, has ordered Adj. Gen. Houston to see that the Florida militia be placed in readiness to take the field at a moment's notice. Similar requests, it is reported, have been sent to the governors of other Southern States. The story has become generally known, and is causing great excitement throughout the South. Gov. Mitchell and Adj. Gen. Houston were asked in regard to it, but they refused to talk. Gen. Houston has sent telegrams to all battalion commanders in the State. Major Turner, first Florida battalion, has received several messages from the adjutant general. The battalion commanders at Pensacola and Tampa have also received messages from Gen. Houston. It is stated as coming from the executive office that the Washington authorities have reason to believe that a deal is pending between Spain and Great Britain for the sale of Cuba to the latter, and that the United States is preparing to resist the transfer of the island, and that the flying squadron is coming to American waters to be ready for the war with the United States that will inevitably follow the attempted cession of Cuba. Dispatches from various cities in Florida report that the troops are gathering, and that the war fever is higher than the day after President Cleveland's Venezuelan message.

Waiting Upon the Senate.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "The situation could hardly be more perplexing. None doubts that the Government will raise money to meet obligations, but how far the money market will be disturbed or the treasury reserve first diminished none can say. The business world cannot know as yet how far foreign questions may upset calculations, though there seems every reason to expect peaceful settlement. It cannot know what may be the duties on any important class of imports a month hence; whether imports are likely to exceed exports and draw away gold; whether the deficit of revenue will continue, or what other taxation will be levied. Failure of the Senate thus far to take any action upon financial measures proposed by the President or those passed by the House affects unfavorably all branches of business. Under such adverse circumstances it is actually encouraging that shrinkage in transactions and resulting commercial disasters have not been greater. But four large failures within a day or two indicate that the same condition cannot continue without much embarrassment."

BREVITIES.

The Duluth Gas and Water Company has been sued for causing the death by impure water of a boy who died of typhoid fever.

Bernhard Gillam, the famous cartoonist of Judge, died Sunday morning at the home of his father-in-law, ex-Senator James Arkell, of Canajoharie, N. Y. His death was the result of typhoid fever.

The House Friday passed the pension appropriation bill, to the consideration of which it had devoted an entire week. The pension bill as passed carries \$141,325,820, about \$50,000 less than the estimate. The bill was passed fifty days ahead of any previous pension appropriation bill.

At a Cabinet council held at Paris M. Berthelot, Minister for Foreign Affairs, announced that the Anglo-French agreement regarding Siam was signed Wednesday, and that by its terms the Mekong becomes the boundary, and both powers undertake to refrain from an armed advance into the Menam Valley. But the Siamese territory west and east of it is excluded from this clause.

The disagreement between the co-pastors of the First Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., the Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage and the Rev. Adolus Allen, has been settled by the church session calling for Mr. Allen's resignation. The trouble grew out of a plan to have Dr. Talmage preach Sunday mornings as well as evenings, to which his colleague objected. Dr. Talmage now will hold forth twice on Sunday.

Charles A. Millman, of Kansas City, ex-State Representative and a prominent local politician, has been acquitted of the charge of poisoning an election judge in order, as claimed, that ballot-box stuffers might proceed with their work unmolested. Millman was one of a dozen politicians indicted for alleged crooked work committed in the spring election of 1893.

Elder & Davis, general merchants at Monroe, La., have filed an application for a respite for one and two years. Assets, \$97,000; liabilities, \$91,000. The largest creditors are the local banks, \$30,000 being due them.

EASTERN.

Mrs. Marion Spear, of Chicago, has just recovered her daughter, who was stolen from her nearly ten years ago by a woman now dead. The child was found in an orphanage at Manchester, N. H.

Perkins & Welsh, New York, sugar importers and exporters, have assigned to Benjamin Perkins, with preferences to creditors for upward of \$125,000. The firm was rated at \$300,000 and its credit was good.

Thomas W. Palmer, of Michigan, called on Gen. Harrison at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, Monday night. They were together two hours. When Mr. Palmer came downstairs he was asked whether Mr. Harrison was a candidate for President. "It is my opinion," said he, "that Gen. Harrison is not a candidate."

The Gloucester, Mass., fishing schooner Fortuna was sunk in a collision with the Boston Fruit Company's fruit steamer Barnstable off Highland light Monday night. Nine of the Fortuna's crew were drowned; fourteen were saved. The collision occurred about 7:30 o'clock. The night was extremely dark, and a lumpy sea was running. The Barnstable's lights were seen, but knowing she had the right of way the schooner's course was not altered until too late. The steamer struck her well forward, cutting a deep hole, and the schooner began to settle immediately. Before the boats could be cleared she went down and the crew were left struggling in the water until fourteen of them were picked up by the Barnstable's boats. The others had gone down.

A Philadelphia dispatch says: Demoralization is staring the kid and morocco leather industry in the face. Several large firms have gone to the wall and others in all probability will follow. The direct cause of the failure of the local firms which have lately succumbed is traceable to the failure of the Keen-Sutcliffe Company, which went under a few days ago. The latest failure recorded is that of Charles Landell, who has confessed judgment to the amount of almost \$1,000,000. It is whispered in some sections along North Third street that something of a very sensational nature may soon be expected in the affairs of the Keen-Sutcliffe Company, but the nature of it was not mentioned by anyone. It is impossible to get the exact figures representing the liabilities of the firm, but the best informed state that they will surely amount to over \$4,000,000, while any attempt to get at the assets is mere conjecture.

WESTERN.

Edward Amann, a Cincinnati distiller, has been convicted of counterfeiting "Old Pepper Whisky" labels.

The City Bank, one of the smaller State banking institutions of Minneapolis, suspended payment Wednesday morning.

F. C. Cannon and Arthur Brown have been nominated for United States Senators by the Utah Republican legislative caucus.

The wife of Joseph Hildebrand, a farmer who lived near Marysville, Kan., poisoned her eight children while in a fit of despondency. The mother and seven of the children are dead and the other child is not expected to live. Hildebrand, who was in a Kansas City hospital under treatment for cancer, has disappeared.

As a result of the Duncan-Lemly commissioner contest all the votes cast at the last Omaha city election have been ordered recounted by the courts. Numerous reports of wholesale frauds in the election have been made public from time to time, and it is asserted by many that this contest will cause startling developments.

United States Marshal Nix, at Guthrie, Ok., has received a telegram from Deputy Marshal Bill Talghman announcing the capture at Eureka Springs, Ark., of the notorious outlaw Phil Doolin, alias Tom Wilson. Doolin is reported to have taken his family in a wagon from Burden, Kan., to Eureka Springs, making the journey while suffering great pain from gunshot wounds received in a recent battle with officers. A reward of \$3,000 is on Doolin's head.

The Benedict Paper Company, Kansas City, Mo., wholesale paper dealers, has failed with liabilities of \$20,445 and assets about the same. Chattel mortgages covering all of the company's property to seventy-five creditors, mostly Eastern concerns, have been filed with the Recorder of Deeds. The principal creditor is the Western Paper Bag Company, of Batavia, Ill., which the Benedict Company owes \$10,000. Poor collections are given as the cause.

One of the richest strikes of gold ore that have been made since the discovery of the Holy Terror mine was made in the Sunnyside mine, two miles north of Hill City, S. D. Two of the former owners of the Holy Terror purchased half of the mine for a nominal sum. They commenced sinking a double compartment shaft, and at ten feet depth uncovered a body of rich specimen ore. Two other rich strikes have been made ten miles north of Hill City, at the head of Friday Gulch.

One of the most fiendish crimes ever known is being investigated by the Topeka, Kan., police. The wife of Charles Deen left her two small children alone in a room while she ran over to a neighbor's. Upon her return she found that some one had removed the clothing from her babe, 14 months old, seated it upon the top of a hot stove and fled. The flesh of the child was cooked to the bone. A young man who had quarreled with Mr. Deen is suspected, but he has fled the city.

The rivalry at Cincinnati between Observer Bassler and Coin Teller Phil Turpin's poultry over which is the better weather prophet ended in a victory for the observer. Turpin's rooster crowed on Friday, and on the strength of this his owner prophesied a storm for Saturday contrary to Bassler's prediction. The rooster's life was wagered against Bassler's money on the result. There was no storm on Saturday and Bassler will eat roast rooster. Bassler has eaten Turpin's rooster pig and now gets his rooster. Turpin still has a turkey which has the gift of prophecy and proposes to stay in the fight as long as his stock holds out.

It was because he was a fugitive from Danish justice, had swindled people in Denmark and led a crooked career that Jens Hansen, known as Peter Hongard, turned on the gas at his home in Chicago Sunday night and smothered his wife, five children and himself. He had swindled creditors out of \$40,000 in his native country and fled to America. He was driven to desperation and decided to die, taking his entire family with him. A letter which has fallen into the hands of the police induces them to believe that husband and wife had reached an understanding concerning their final end, and

had discussed the method of their taking off at least a week.

Driven fiendishly insane by despondency, Peter Hongard, a Dane, of Chicago, took the lives of his wife and five sunny-eyed little children, and when he had completed his horrible work he coolly laid down in the noxious gas-saturated air of his home and breathed the deadly fumes that swept an entire family from the list of the living. The atrocity of the father's awful crime could not have been greater had he used a bloody weapon. Death came to the children and the patient, plodding mother while they slept Sunday night in the little cottage at 731 61st street, that has been the Hongard residence for some time. Hongard disclosed his murderous resolve in a letter, but with the cunning of a maniac he took good precaution to render the warning void by entrusting it to the United States mails for delivery. This letter, written in Danish to a countryman of the murderer, was received Monday morning, and the horrified friend read of Hongard's determination to kill his family and end his life. A mad run by the police patrol wagon with a dozen officers was vain, as the fatal work was accomplished.

SOUTHERN.

Information comes from Carro, Tex., that a party of Americans—James H. McIlane and son, A. J. Blevins and Walter Strickland—starting from Eagle Pass on a hunting trip, were fired upon by Mexican soldiers forty miles below that place on Sunday. The party is on its way to Laredo to complain to the Government authorities.

Within the last ten days twenty-five recruits for the Cuban army have left Fort Worth, Tex., for Galveston, from which point they will embark for the Cuban coast. The agent contracted to pay \$50 per month to date from enlistment, advance payment to be made when the party arrived at Galveston. Railroad transportation from Fort Worth to Galveston was furnished each man. The fact that recruiting for the Cuban army has been going on is well known. The men are good material for soldiers.

WASHINGTON.

Congressman Woodman, of Chicago, has introduced a bill in the House appropriating \$100,000,000 for coast defenses.

The Secretary of the Navy says to put in first-class condition for purposes of harbor defense all monitors now in commission or undergoing repairs would cost \$1,580,000; in good condition, \$435,000.

The House Committee on Military Affairs unanimously reported favorably the bill removing military disabilities of ex-Confederates who held commissions in the United States army and navy at the beginning of the rebellion.

Senator Lodge introduced an amendment to the fortifications appropriation bill authorizing a popular 3 per cent coin issue of \$100,000,000, to be used in providing for the defense of the coast, for the manufacture of guns and the erection of forts and batteries.

Dr. Morse, of Massachusetts, presented a resolution in the House of Representatives to the effect that "the Committee on Foreign Affairs consider the expediency of reporting forthwith some expression by this Government in denunciation of the Turkish atrocities, and if they find that we, as a nation, are powerless to act, that we invoke the co-operation of the allied powers to wipe the Turkish Government off the face of the earth and secure the freedom and independence of Armenia." The resolution was referred.

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Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 61c to 62c; corn, No. 1 white, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c.

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Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 66c to 67c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 38c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 66c to 68c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 38c; clover seed, \$4.40 to \$4.45.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 57c to 59c; corn, No. 3, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; barley, No. 2, 33c to 35c; rye, No. 1, 38c to 39c; pork, mess, \$9.20 to \$9.75.

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New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 70c to 71c; corn, No. 2, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c; butter, creamery, 16c to 25c; eggs, Western, 17c to 19c.

FOREIGN.

The pope, through Cardinal Satolli, has made a semi-official proposal to President Cleveland to arbitrate the Venezuela question. The pope was much hurt by England's refusal last year when Venezuela proposed the pope as an arbitrator. It is believed that his holiness has now instructed Cardinal Vaughan to sound the British Government on the subject.

The Chilean treaty with Brazil has been shorn of its importance by the announcement that Argentina has an anterior treaty with Brazil giving all the rights

of a favored nation. It is the intention of the United States minister to demand of the Brazilian Government that similar privileges be accorded this country. This will minimize the advantages that may possibly accrue in favor of Chilean flour and cereals.

A London dispatch says: It was learned Monday afternoon that the cabinet council of Saturday last considered the question of re-establishing diplomatic relations with Venezuela, but no definite conclusion was arrived at. The Westminster Gazette, touching upon the misunderstanding between Great Britain and the United States, says it sees a distant break in the clouds, and hopes that a settlement satisfactory to Great Britain and the United States will be effected with Venezuela direct, and intimates that the Brazilian minister is closely identified with the latest proposed solution of this controversy.

The forthcoming report of the Department of Labor of the British State Department will say that, notwithstanding the numerous trade union troubles of the last twelve months, the manufacturing and building interests of the country are on the whole in better shape than at any similar period in the last five or six years. From scarcely any center are there reports of the pressure of unemployed such as were made a year and two years ago, while prices of labor range a fraction higher. The only exception to the general report of improved conditions is from Lancashire, where, owing to lack of orders, it is stated that over 10,000 looms are idle.

IN GENERAL.

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Cope Clementi, collector of customs at Ottawa, Ont., has been missing for three weeks. He is said to be in Chicago. His books show a shortage in government funds of over \$300,000. Clementi has been customs collector for nine years, during the last five of which he has been speculating, and, it is charged, has falsified his books and accounts. Clementi is well connected and is about 38 years old. The government will try to have him extradited.

With horror at the atrocities of the fiendish Turk, Mihan K. Serailian, an Armenian and a student at the University of Chicago, has been anxiously awaiting news from his home, in central Asia Minor, since the reports have been coming of wholesale slaughter. Tuesday he learned that his father had been murdered in the massacre of Nov. 30 at Kaisersaie, and that his mother, sisters and brothers met with the same fate or were scattered to starve or freeze to death in the mountains.

The provincial elections in Manitoba resulted in the Greenway government being sustained by a substantial majority. The issue at the polls was largely national schools vs. separate schools. The opposition party championed the cause of a dual system and the vote was overwhelmingly against their candidates, many of whom were defeated two to one by the government representatives. Premier Greenway and his entire cabinet were re-elected, three by acclamation. In the new House of forty members the party will stand: Government, or national school, party, 31; opposition, or separate school, party, 8; independent, 1.

Several members of the crew of the British ship Janet Cowan, which was wrecked off the coast of Vancouver Island, attributed the loss of the ship to the incompetency of Captain Thompson. The captain is said to have been drunk when the ship struck and went to the bottom. Seven of the crew, including the captain, lost their lives. Captain Thompson and two other men died of hunger and exposure after landing on Vancouver Island. Shipping men have grave fears for the safety of the British bark Lorton, which is now out over sixty days from Mazatlan, Mexico, for Portland, Ore. The bark was due a month ago, and her wheat charter expired Dec. 31.

Banker Morgan has dissolved the great bond combination, and the gold syndicate is broken. In his circular to the syndicate members, concerning the popular feature of the loan, Mr. Morgan says: "I feel perfectly satisfied that there is no question as to the success of the loan." The reason given for the dissolution of the syndicate is that the syndicate contract called for a bid of "all or none," and therefore Mr. Morgan was unwilling to make a bid under the present circumstances, as he might seem to present for consideration by the Secretary of the Treasury the throwing out of smaller bids made in good faith under the public call. The only emergency, in Mr. Morgan's judgment, which would justify such a course would be the failure of the public to respond to the call of the Government.

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FRANK LAWLER DEAD.

HEART DISEASE SUPPOSED TO BE THE CAUSE.

He Was a Unique Character in Municipal and National Affairs—Great Britain's Battle Ships Said to Be Ordered to the Bermudas.

Noted Chicagoan Dead.

Alderman Frank Lawler, of Chicago, died Friday at his home, of heart disease. Death came while he was presumably preparing to go down town to the city hall. He fell lifeless to the floor before his wife. The deceased was a unique character in politics, not only of a municipal but national order. He served a term in Congress after having officiated in several elective offices in the city. The celebrated fight he made to obtain the office of postmaster, that was secured by Washington Hesing, with his "miles long petition," made him famous. His recent victory in his ward over a number of aspirants for the place of alderman was considered by him to be his greatest political victory.

Britain's Flying Squadron.

A Portsmouth, Eng., dispatch says: "The flying squadron, consisting of the battleship Revenge, flagship, Rear Admiral Alfred T. Dale; the battleship Royal Oak, the first-class cruisers Gibraltar and Theseus, and the second-class cruisers Charybdis and Hermione, together with six first-class torpedo boat destroyers, assembled at Spithead at noon Friday. It is reported that the destination of this squadron, after leaving Bantry Bay, Ireland, will be the Bermudas." No information reached Washington Friday. It is doubted whether Great Britain would send such a powerful fleet into American waters at this time, when its presence in force sufficient to overcome our North Atlantic squadron almost certainly would be regarded as a hostile demonstration certainly not called for as long as diplomacy has not yet exhausted its resources. In the settlement of the differences between the United States and Great Britain, the Bermudas, lying between 600 and 700 miles off our coast, would afford an admirable base of operations against any point from Cape Cod down to Key West, and while the islands are part of the British empire the assemblage of a powerful fleet there could not be regarded with indifference by the United States Government, unless its presence was explained satisfactorily.

Police Will Bar Bloomers.

The apparel of the new woman is involved in a question presented to the Chicago city law department. The point decided was that the police department acted within its authority in threatening to close one of the big downtown restaurants and lunch counters in which it is proposed to install a force of female waiters dressed in knickerbockers and tight-fitting jackets. It is expected that the opinion will be contested in court, and that an attempt will be made to establish for all time the rights of the varied and abbreviated bloomer costumes affected by the modern woman. The backers of the bloomer restaurant enterprise, it is said, threaten to turn the same authority against enthusiastic female bicyclists, if their plans are interfered with by the police.

Awful Crime in Tennessee.

A horrible double murder was committed near Flynn's Lock, Tenn. Five masked men entered the house of Joseph Day, an old farmer, who was reputed to have money hidden away, and demanded the secret of his treasure. Day refused to give it up, and after numerous threats was taken out of doors and hanged to a tree. The brutes then attempted to make Mrs. Day tell where the money was hidden, and when she refused beat her brains out with a club. They then ransacked the house, but failed to find the money. No arrests have been made.

Campos Called Home.

The Spanish Cabinet has unanimously decided to supersede Capt. Gen. Martinez Campos and his lieutenant, Gen. Arderius, owing to differences which exist between them and the political parties in Cuba. Lieut. Gen. Maria is now in command at Havana. Gen. Polavieja is likely to be placed in charge of military operations.

NEWS NUGGETS.

One thousand miners at the Morris Coal Company, Columbus, Ohio, went out on account of some trouble, said to be local.

At New York Friday ex-President Benjamin Harrison authorized the announcement that he is to marry Mrs. Mary L. Dimmock. The wedding will take place after Lent.

Berlin dispatch: In the Reichstag Thursday during the discussion of Count von Kautz's proposal for the establishment of a Government grain monopoly, the Count denied that it would raise the price of bread. He also said that the scheme was not socialistic and that its object was to benefit the peasantry. He concluded with the remark: "The Government may look on while the country is being desolated, but we want deeds, not words." (Prolonged applause.)

President Cleveland on Friday sent a special message concerning land grants, in which he says: "It seems to me that the act of 1891 should be so amended as not to apply to suits brought to recover title to lands certified or patented on account of railroad or other grants. I respectfully urge upon Congress speedy action to the end suggested, so the adjustment of these grants may proceed without the interposition of a bar through lapse of time against the right of recovery by the Government in proper cases."

The Hawaiian volcano has broken out again and shows great activity. The outbreak began on Friday night, Jan. 3, and a break of the lake of about 200 feet took place that night. The lake is now about 200 feet wide and 250 feet long. On Dec. 6, 1894, the lava disappeared, and the renewal on the third of January came without warning.

A light engine ran into a crowd of car cleaners who were walking the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad track at New York, killing two women and injuring two other women and a man so badly that they will probably die.

Havana is in danger of famine owing to the cutting off of supplies by the insurgents.

According to the official figures just made public, French imports for 1895 decreased 152,000,000 francs and exports increased 310,000,000 francs compared with 1894.

The American Economic Association will publish very shortly, "Letters of Ricardo to McCulloch," lately discovered, edited and annotated by J. H. Hollander, Ph. D., of Johns Hopkins University, and "Race Traits and Tendencies of the American Negro," by F. L. Hoffman.

Mrs. D. F. Verdenal, formerly of San Francisco, but now living in New York, where her husband is a correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle, has written a novel. It is entitled, "Ladies First," and deals with the experiences of a well-known mine promoter of early days.

Richard Harding Davis is said to have been paid five hundred dollars by W. R. Hearst's New York paper, the Journal, for writing the introduction to the Yale-Princeton football match. Hefflinger, the giant football player, received a like amount from the same newspaper for publishing a technical description of the game.

T. B. Aldrich has sent the following letter to the Boston Transcript: "Some verses called 'The Ideal Husband,' and having my name attached to them as the author, are being extensively reprinted by the newspapers. I beg leave to say—and it gives me great pleasure to say it—that I am not the author of those verses."

Douglas Shaden's new book, "A Japanese Marriage," which has had an immense run in England, has just been issued in America. In it Mr. Shaden declares himself a strong advocate of the New Woman movement. The book is dedicated to the Earl of Dunraven, "the most eloquent advocate of the rights of the deceased wife's sister."

In speaking of a passage in "Valima Letters," Andrew Lang says: "Mr. Stevenson was 'crazy' over M. Bourget's 'Sensations d'Italie,' and fired a dedication at him. It hit M. Bourget in a book-seller's shop in Paris (he informed me), a bolt out of the blue, and sorely puzzled he was as to how to communicate with his remote admirer."

The Library Corner

Paul Bourget is writing a one-act play in prose for the Comedie-Francaise. The title is "The Screen."

Edmund C. Stedman has declined an offer of the new Billings chair in English literature at Yale University.

In the Macmillan's new edition of Dickens, edited by his eldest son, there are many interesting reminiscences of the novelist and bits of his correspondence in the prefaces.

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Mrs. D. F. Verdenal, formerly of San Francisco, but now living in New York, where her husband is a correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle, has written a novel. It is entitled, "Ladies First," and deals with the experiences of a well-known mine promoter of early days.

Richard Harding Davis is said to have been paid five hundred dollars by W. R. Hearst's New York paper, the Journal, for writing the introduction to the Yale-Princeton football match. Hefflinger, the giant football player, received a like amount from the same newspaper for publishing a technical description of the game.

T. B. Aldrich has sent the following letter to the Boston Transcript: "Some verses called 'The Ideal Husband,' and having my name attached to them as the author, are being extensively reprinted by the newspapers. I beg leave to say—and it gives me great pleasure to say it—that I am not the author of those verses."

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